THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) to (c) Land measuring 17 Bighas, 3 Kattas and 8 Lacha for construction of office building for the office of the then A.G., Assam, was allotted by the Assam Government in 1982. As the proposed plot of land was not easily connected with the main road, the Government of Assam was approached to acquire additional land which was done in May, 1986 and the approach road was constructed. In September, 1987, plots measuring 43 Bighas were also selected for the construction of staff and IA & AS officers quarters. The cost for latter plots of land was finally settled by the Assam Government only in August 1990. The structural designs for the office complex are presently being prepared by the CPWD. The layout plan of the construction of staff quarters has also been approved in March 1991. It is, therefore, difficult to state at this stage when the offices would be shifted to the new building.

Shifting of A.G.'S Office in Assam

1294. SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the top officials of the Accountant Generals Office function both in Assam and Meghalaya as the shifting of Accountant General Office has not been completed till today;

(b) if so what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when such shifting will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) to (c) The two major offices under the Comptroller & Auditor General of India who are doing the work relating to Accounts Entitlement and Audit for the States of Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram are Accountant General (Accounts & Entitlement) Assam and Principal Accountant General (Audit) Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh & Mizoram. The former has his offices both in Guwahati and Shillong. Similarly, the latter has offices at Shillong and Guwahati for doing the necessary Audit work.

2. The construction of the office building for the offices of the Accountant General (Accounts & Entitlement) and Principal Accountant General (Audit) for which approval has been given in March 1990 will be taken up by Central Public Works Department after finalisation of drawings and tenders. It is, therefore, difficult to state at this stage as to when the offices will be actually shifted.

Taking over of Vishwayatan Yogashram New Delhi

1295. SHRI RAM NARAESH YADAV:

SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a proposal under Government's consideration sometime back for taking over of Vishwayatan Yogashram;

(b) if so, whether the said Yogashram has since been taken over; if not, by when the same is likely to be done;

(c) what are the reasons that are preventing Government from the taking over this Yoga Ashram;

(d) what steps have so far been taken by Government to safeguard the future of students and employees of this Yogashram;